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TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF NORTHLEACH RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1909.

Gentlemen,

Accompanying this report are the usual forms for statistics and which I am pleased to say are highly satisfactory. The number of deaths in the Northleach Rural District during 1909 is 106: giving a death rate of 13.0 per 1000, being .2 less than last year and .9 less than the average of 10 preceding. Of this number 49 died in Chedworth ~~in~~ division - 24 males - 25 females - 43 in Bibury division - 18 males 25 females - 14 in Union Workhouse - 12males 2 females. There were 9 deaths of children under 1 year- giving a death rate of 52.6 per 1000 the average for 10 years being 83.2.

The number of births in the district equals 171 - 77 in Chedworth division and 94 in Bibury division: 81 males and 90 females. These figures include 12 Illegitmate births - 4 in Chedworth and 8 in Bibury division - giving a birth rate of 21.1 per 1000 - being less than the general average through this area - which is 22.9.

During 1909 there were notified 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Erysipelas - 2 cases of Scarlet Fever in Chedworth and 2 in Bibury. The case of Erysipelas occurred in Bibury division . For the first time Tuberculosis became notifiable and there were 3 cases notified. It would be desirable to make some arrangements for treatment etc for such cases as may be considered advisable. With regard to the Scarlet Fever cases notified it was discovered that each case was due to infection from outside your district, and I am pleased to be able to say that the measures adopted to prevent spread succeeded in so much as that no second family became infected. Since 1893

beyond which my notification register does not go this is quite an easy record and one for congratulation on the small number of cases , but more so on the results attending measures adopt- - ed.

I examined many samples of water and found all satisfactory the general supply throughout the district was ample and satisfactory. Those dairies where milk is sold in anything approaching much quantity have been examined and found well kept; in only one had more cleanliness to be suggested, this suggestion was attended to and the sale of milk in this instance has now ceased.

It was not found necessary to close any of the schools during the year. These were visited and found satisfactory as regards general cleanliness and ventilation.

During 1909 I constantly visited the district and so also did the Sanitary Inspector, with whom I have had frequent interviews on sanitary matters - his record of visits numbers 138.

The improvements recorded in the past as to the cottage accomadation in the district was observable; a characteristic through out being abundant ventilation and freedom from objectionable drainage and insanitary middens. The cottages are chiefly occupied by persons employed on the land, their pursuits are agricultural and their health amidst the Cotswold Hills is not endangered by a polluted atmosphere, quite the reverse, their prosperity depends on agricultural prosperity and their health will be in a given ratio with this. At the close of the year the district was from a sanitary point of view satisfactory and free from Infectious disease.

I am Gentlemen
your obedient servant

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